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## NEW U.S. VISA APPLICATION FORM GOES GREEN

The United States Consulate General in Curacao announces the introduction of the new Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) and form DS-160. The new single, internetbased application form DS-160 will be required of all non-immigrant visa applicants seeking a visa for a temporary visit to the United States and has several advantages over the existing application forms. Visa applicants applying at the Consulate General in Curacao will be required to use the DS-160 starting April 30, 2010, but applicants are encouraged to start using the new form immediately.

The comprehensive form features online translations and the ability for applicants to upload their own photograph directly onto the application form.

The DS-160 replaces the forms DS-156, DS-157 and DS-158. Additionally, once completed online, the form is electronically transmitted directly to the Consulate for processing. Applicants then only print the single confirmation page to take with them to their interview – thus saving thousands of pages of paper each month. Appointments will still be made using the call center at 011-602-567-9833 for a US \$19 fee.

The new CEAC and the form DS-160 may be found on the CEAC's website at: https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/ or at the State Department website http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms 4230.html .

Questions which are not addressed on the websites may be addressed to the Consulate through e-mail (ACSCuracao@state.gov), or by telephone (4613066) Monday through Friday from 8 pm to 5 pm.

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